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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have emphasised the creation of more empoyment opportunities for women in rural areas by implementing various rural development schemes, through the Small Scale Industries and KVIC;

(b) if so, the details of the incentives to new industrial units for creating job opportunities in favour of women in rural areas; and

(c) the target set for setting up of such units in the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Government is implementing the Rural EmploymentGeneration Programme (REGP) and the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojana(PMRY) throughout the country to enhance employment opportunities and to empower economically the unemployed educated persons of the country including weaker sections viz. women/SC/ST/OBC etc. The REGP is being implemented through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KIVC) and the PMRY is being implemented through the District Industries Centres. Under the REGP, back-ended Capital Subsidy in the form of Margin Money is provided at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and 10% on the balance project cost upto Rs. 25 lakhs. The beneficiary is required to invest his own contribution of 10% of the project cost. For women, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and 10% of the remaining cost of the project upto Rs. 25 lakhs. Moreover, in such cases, the beneficiary`s contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional RuralBanks etc. Under the PMRY, the loan component constitutes 80% of the project cost and rest 20% is subsidy from the Central Government and the margin money contribution of the beneficiary.

(c): The target set for setting up units including those by Women in the current year i.e. 2002-03 under REGP and under PMRY are given at Annexure attached. It is expected that under REGP an additional 4 lakhs and under PMRY an additional 3.3 lakhs job opportunities will be generated during 2002-03.